

**Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program
And Land Stewardship Initiatives (WQPRP)**

Fund 477 – Call for Applications – April 7, 2021

Key Dates:	Application Available Online: April 7, 2021
	Optional Proposers Conference: April 21, 2021 @ 10:00 AM (for details see pages 2 and 3)
	Applications Due: May 28, 2021 by 4PM

The latest WQPRP application (dated March 2021) and all other documents necessary for application submittal are available online at:

<http://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/EconomicDevelopmentandPlanning/PlanningandEnvironment/WaterQualityImprovement.aspx>.

Award amounts: Minimum \$50,000/Maximum \$250,000

Announcements of awards will only be made pending funding availability. The WQPRP Review Committee is not obligated to recommend any projects for funding and all recommendations will be decided by a quorum vote. In the event of any conflict between any provision in this Call for Applications and the Information for Applicants document, the Call for Applications shall prevail.

Priority Project Type

Please see [C12-2B\(1\) of the Suffolk County Charter](#) for the eligible types of projects that will be considered. Funding will be prioritized based on how projects demonstrate a clear ability to accomplish the objectives of Suffolk County's Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan. The Priority Project Types for the current Call for Applications are:

- a. Wastewater treatment improvements, including wastewater reuse
- b. Green Stormwater Infrastructure implementation
- c. Nature and Nature-Based Infrastructure for coastal resilience
- d. Habitat restoration, reclamation, and connectivity
- e. Fertilizer use mitigation

Funding is available for both planning/engineering and construction expenses.

Pursuant to Resolution 610-2020 adopted on September 17 2020, as amended by Resolution 883-2020 adopted on December 1, 2020, the Suffolk County Department of Economic Developing and Planning, as administrators of the WQPRP, has been directed to issue a call for applications for projects that address wastewater management in the Fire Island portion of the Shore Estuary Reserve Subwatershed and the Forge River watershed groundwater contributing area portion of the South Shore Estuary Reserve Subwatershed. Therefore this call for applications includes consideration of projects that address wastewater management in the Fire Island portion of the Shore Estuary Reserve Subwatershed and the Forge River watershed groundwater contributing area portion of the South Shore Estuary Reserve Subwatershed.

Eligibility

Applications may be submitted by any County Department, by any other municipality within Suffolk County, or by any non-profit organizations within Suffolk County. Applications submitted by private companies without non-profit status will not be considered.

Applications will not be considered from any entity with a project that is “not in good standing” (see attached Policy Decisions document for further details). Applicants with any projects that are “not in good standing”, making them ineligible to apply for new funding, have the option to withdraw their previously approved proposal(s), prior to submitting an application under this request.

Please see the attached, revised, 2021 Policy Decisions document, dated March 24, 2021, for further General Requirements, Funding Terms, Restrictions, and Ineligibility.

Project Readiness

All projects must have a funding resolution adopted by the Suffolk County Legislature within one year of the award. All funding resolutions will specify that the project must be completed within three years of the resolution’s adoption.

Matching Funds

All proposed projects, which are not solely initiated by Suffolk County, will require a match of at least 50% of the **total project** cost. Therefore the match is required to be at least equivalent to 100% of the funding being requested from the grant. The availability of the matching funds must be demonstrated at the time of the application’s submittal.

Proposer’s Conference

While it is not mandatory to participate in the meeting all applicants are encouraged to participate in the optional Proposer’s conference. Proposers attending this conference will receive points in favor of the scoring of their WQPRP funding application. Please present any and all questions/comments on the application at that time.

Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency and State and Federal bans on large meetings or gatherings and pursuant to Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 220.1 issued on March 12, 2020 suspending the Open Meeting Law, the Proposer’s Conference will be held electronically via ZOOM. The Proposer’s Conference will take place at 10 AM on April 21, 2021.

The link to the meeting information is as follows:

<https://suffolkny.zoom.us/j/81099014168?pwd=ekQ3cnRLZHpyOXlrY2pTTVlnU2NhQT09>

Meeting ID: 810 9901 4168

Passcode: 292740

Or Dial In by your location +1 929 436 2866 US (New York)

Submission Requirements

Please send completed applications and all necessary attachments in **ONE** email to:

2021_Ap.who9z4a8vcu99u9k@u.box.com

Please indicate the project name when saving the completed fillable pdf application file. If the attached files are too large for one email, please send one email with a link to all files uploaded to a file hosting website. Please have all files appropriately named.

Please also send a single complete hard copy to:

Frank Castelli

Chief Environmental Analyst

Suffolk County Dept. of Economic Development and Planning

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Hauppauge, NY 11788

Tel. (631) 853-5943

All applications must include and will not be considered if the following information is missing or incomplete:

- A detailed work plan by task including deliverables and timeline suitable for insertion into an agreement.
- A detailed categorized budget by task suitable for insertion into an agreement. This detailed budget must include both County and match breakdowns and include an in-house labor detail table (if necessary). The budget must specify the make-up of the matching funds which must be at least 50% of the **total project cost**, equivalent to at least the total of the grant being requested.
- Curriculum vitae of all project personnel.
- Applications from non-County municipal organizations or from non-profit organizations must have a County Department/Agency or Office as its sponsor. A letter from the County sponsor expressing their support and willingness to sponsor the project must be submitted with the application. Any non-County application without a County sponsor will not be considered.
- A separate file with any design/engineering work (if applicable).
- All applications must be signed.

Complete applications are due by: May 28, 2021 @ 4:00PM

Late or Incomplete Applications will be REJECTED